

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to reestablish the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures; report.*

3 [H 2109]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

6 **1. § 1.** *That the State Health Commissioner shall reestablish the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and*
7 *Quality Measures (the Task Force) for the purpose of evaluating maternal health data collection processes*
8 *to guide policies in the Commonwealth to improve maternal care, quality, and outcomes for all birthing*
9 *people in the Commonwealth. The Task Force shall consist of three members of the Senate to be appointed*
10 *by the Senate Committee on Rules and five members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the*
11 *Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services or his*
12 *designee; the Director of the Office of Health Equity or his designee; the Director of the Virginia Neonatal*
13 *Perinatal Collaborative or his designee; the Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Health Information or his*
14 *designee; two individuals who are licensed obstetricians or gynecologists practicing in the Commonwealth*
15 *appointed by the Governor; two individuals who are licensed nurse practitioners or registered nurses who*
16 *work in the area of maternal health in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor; two individuals who*
17 *are certified nurse midwives in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor; two individuals who are*
18 *licensed certified midwives in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor; two experts in postpartum*
19 *care and depression in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor, ensuring regional representation; at*
20 *least one individual who is an expert in maternal health data collection processes appointed by the*
21 *Governor; four representatives from organizations or groups in the Commonwealth that specialize in*
22 *serving vulnerable populations and improving equity and outcomes in maternal health appointed by the*
23 *Governor; individuals who are licensed in neonatal and premature infant care and nutrition appointed by*
24 *the Governor; a representative in maternal health from each of the health care payers in the Commonwealth*
25 *appointed by the Governor; health care experts who serve underserved and minority populations in the*
26 *Commonwealth appointed by the Governor; two members of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare*
27 *Association appointed by the Governor; the Program Manager for the Maternal Mortality Review Team;*
28 *and any other stakeholders as may be appropriate appointed by the Governor. The Task Force shall:*

29 *1. Monitor progress and evaluate all data from state-level stakeholders, including third-party payers, and*
30 *all available electronic claims data to examine quality of care with regard to race, ethnicity, and other*
31 *demographic and clinical outcome data;*

32 *2. Monitor progress and evaluate all data from existing state-level sources mandated for maternal care,*
33 *including new Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measure updates to Postpartum*
34 *Depression Screening and Follow-up Care;*

35 *3. Examine the barriers preventing the collection and reporting of timely maternal health data from all*
36 *stakeholders, including payers;*

37 *4. Examine current maternal health benefit requirements and determine the need for additional benefits to*
38 *protect the health of birthing people;*

39 *5. Evaluate the impact of social determinants of health screening on pregnant women and its impact on*
40 *outcomes data;*

41 *6. Collect and analyze data one year after delivery; and*

42 *7. Develop recommendations for standard quality metrics on maternal care.*

43 *All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Task Force upon request. The Task*
44 *Force shall report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1 of*
45 *each year regarding its activities and shall conclude its work by November 1, 2026.*

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